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Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 17, 2004, the examiner has restricted the application and has required an election of one of three groups set forth on page 2 of the action:

- I. The embodiment of Fig.1.
 - II. The embodiment of Fig. 3.
 - III. The embodiment of Fig. 6.

Applicants provisionally elect species II (Fig. 3). However, by the amendment of claims set forth herein, a substitute set of claims (24-34) directed to the elected species are presented for examination.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.